

Conseil Protestant du Congo

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LÉOPOLDVILLE
CONGO BELGE

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Home Boards of Participating Missions,
Personal Members of the Council.

29th March 1936

Dear Friends,

C.P.C. MINUTES MEETING 14. 1936.

It is with pleasure that we send you herewith a copy of the Minutes of the 1936 Meeting of the Conseil Protestant du Congo. These minutes bring to you little that is startling and new, nothing that is revolutionary, but they bear further witness to the steady advance of the Evangelical Missions of Congo, which, led by the spirit of God, are more united than ever before.

Gratefully we can together acknowledge God's goodness in providing for the financial needs of the Council during another year, and for an evidence of generosity shown toward the Council that surpassed our expectations. With renewed hope we face the future. That we now have no fewer than eighty five Personal Members helping to support the work of the Council, is, in itself, encouraging, and it is hoped that this number will be further augmented during the present year.

It will be noted that though the Building Fund Deficit was reduced by Frs 3,694.- by special gifts during the past year, we are still burdened by a debt of Frs 18,236.31 on this Fund. The Councillors hope that other friends will help further to reduce this debt during the present year. It will be remembered that a special appeal was made in 1935 for Frs 100.- per missionary from those who had not personally, or whose missions had not officially, previously given to this Fund.

At an open session of the Council we remembered with solemn gratitude to God those of our Congo colleagues known to us who, during the past year, entered into the Higher Service of the King.- Rev. C.E. Taylor, C.E.M.; Rev. Roger T. Clarke, D.C.C.M.; Mrs R.H. Kirkland, E.M.S.; Mrs Leslie Partridge, H.A.M.; Rev. M.B. Fritzell, U.T.M.; and Dr. Walter Fisher, G.E.M.- We gave thanks for every remembrance of them, for in them was the name of the Lord Jesus glorified.

We would draw the attention of those who are interested in the Government Medical School at Léopoldville (See Min. 366. c.), or in the organization of similar medical schools in connection with their own mission, to the "Bulletin Administratif - No. 6.- 25 mars 1936" in which will be found the "Ordonnance créant et organisant l'école d'Assistants Médicaux Indigènes".

We will be writing to you again very shortly on other matters.

Your sincere co-worker,

H. W. Wakelin Coxill

CONSEIL PROTESTANT DU CONGO

MINUTES - MEETING 14

LEOPOLDVILLE, FEBRUARY 8 - 15, 1936.

357. MEETING. The Conseil Protestant du Congo met at Léopoldville, Congo Belge, on February 8th to 15, 1936, at the Union Mission House.

358. PRESENT. The following were present;

ABFMS	Revs P.A. MacDiarmid (C), H. Erickson (C).
AGM	Rev. H.W.Coxill (P)
AIM	Mrs VanDusen (S), Rev. H.W.Coxill (P).
APCM	Rev. Chas. L. Crane (C).
B&FBS	Mr. H.J.Watkins (S).
BMS	Revs E.D.F.Guyton (HM & AC), Rev. de C. Thompson (C).
CEM	Rev. H.W.Coxill (P).
CIM	Rev. H.W.Coxill (P).
C&MA	Rev. E.R. Hess (C).
CMCMEC	Rev. H.W.Coxill (P).
DCCM	Rev. H.C.Hobgood (C).
MECM	Revs C.L. Crane (P), H.W.Coxill (P).
SBM	Rev. J. Ohreneman (P).
SMF	Revs. J. Sodergren (C), J. Ohreneman (C).
UFM	Rev. H.W.Coxill (P).
UTM	Rev. H.W.Coxill (P).
CPC	Rev. H.Wakelin Coxill (Secretary)

In the above list the following abbreviations are employed; (C) Councillor; (AC) Alternate Councillor; (P) Proxy; (HM) Honorary Member; (S) Substitute. Proper credentials were presented in all cases where necessary, (Constitution, Art.5; Sec.2.) and letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Dr. J.M.Springer (President); and Revs C.E. Pugh, (BMS); Vernon Sprunger, (CIM); A. Walker, (AGM); V. Buck (UTM); D.V.Evening (UFM); N.P.Andersen (MBD); G. VanDusen (AIM) and Dr. C.C.Chesterman.

359. DEVOTIONS. In the absence of the President the Chair was taken by the Council's Vice-President, the Rev P.A.MacDiarmid, who led the opening service of worship and prayer. A special open devotional service was held by the Council on Sunday evening February 8th, when the address was given by the Rev. Chas. L. Crane; other Councillors led the subsequent daily devotional periods.

360. RECORDING SECRETARY. Rev. E.D.F.Guyton was elected Recording Secretary and kindly accepted this position for the Meeting.

361. REVISED CONSTITUTION.

a. The General Secretary reported that the condition laid down by Article 20 of the Revised Constitution, demanding the approval of the Constitution by three-fourths of the voting councillors replying before this meeting, had been more than fulfilled, the Revised Constitution was therefore considered as ratified.

b. A letter was read from the Field Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society intimating that the Revised Constitution was approved by his Society with the exception of Article 14, Section 1; the particular clause to which the Society takes exception being, - "It (The Council) shall distribute this budget equitably among the supporting bodies, indicating the share of each".

c. The attention of the Council having been called by another member mission to the omission from the Constitution of any clause providing for the holding of General Conferences; it was pointed out that the omission was intentional. Considering that the Constitution should be reserved for the bye-laws or regulations governing the Council; to include provision for general conferences among these bye-laws implied that they were obligatory, - while it had been found increasingly difficult to hold a General Conference truly representative of the entire Congo field. The Council is competent to organize conferences, general or regional, as may be found desirable, without making them statutory. The specific functions hitherto discharged by the General Conferences, such as the election of officers, have been transferred, by the new Constitution, to the Council.

d. The revised and ratified Constitution was accepted without amendment.

362. APPLICATIONS FOR
MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership having been received from two societies and one station not previously in membership with the Council, a Committee, consisting of Messrs Crane, Hobgood and Thompson was appointed to consider these applications in the light of the revised Constitution. The following report of this Committee was adopted;

a. In considering the application of new missions to Council Membership the Council places the following interpretation on Art.3; Sec.1; "Participating Bodies";

Admission to the Council cannot be approved before the mission making such application has either obtained "Personnalité Civile" or made every effort to do so; if the effort has been unsuccessful the mission should show that no good cause exists for their failure to obtain this Government recognition. Also, since the C.P.C. has as its basic aim the building up of one Church of Christ in Congo, this aim should be accepted in all its implications by any society applying for membership.

b. We recommend that the question of the acceptance by the Council of those missionary societies making application for membership at this present time be deferred until they have had time to give consideration to the above interpretation, which will be communicated to them by the Secretary.

c. As to one station becoming a member of the Council, we believe that this matter is covered by Art.5; Sec.3; of the Constitution, and requires no further action; except that we call the attention of those stations making personal donations to the Council, to the fact that this does not entitle them to elect a councillor.

363. OCCUPATION OF THE FIELD.

The Council surveyed with very considerable care the missionary occupation of the Congo, especially in connection with Minute 354 of the 1935 Council Meeting, and aided by a new and unpublished map of the Protestant mission stations. While reiterating the main principle covered by the Minute in question, viz., - that the cause of the evangelical missions would be much better served by the strengthening of existing organizations than by the creation of new ones, - the Council realises that there are at least three needy areas of some considerable size seemingly unoccupied by protestant missions. It was therefore recommended that the Secretary get in touch with the missions adjacent to those areas in an endeavour to ascertain what are the prospects for their early occupation.

364. FURLOUGH OF SECRETARY.

a. The Svenska Missionsforbundet, having been approached during the past year, (Min. 344; 1935) the Council heard with considerable satisfaction an intimation from the Rev. J. Öhrneman to the effect that that Mission has acceded to the request of the Council to free him for the service of C.P.C. Secretary during the furlough period of Mr. Coxill; and that he has accepted this appointment. The Secretary was requested to convey the grateful thanks of the Council to the S.M.F., and to communicate with them regarding the financial provision made by the Council.

b. It was agreed that the furlough period of Mr. and Mrs Coxill shall be one year, commencing as early as possible in 1937 after the next Council meeting to be held in January of that year; the exact date to be fixed in consultation between the Secretary, the S.M.F. and Mr. Öhrneman.

c. CONGO MISSION NEWS, Editorship. Mr. Öhrneman having informed the Council that he would not be able to undertake the editorship of the Congo Mission News in addition to the Secretariat of the C.P.C., it was agreed that an interim Editor should be sought for the period of Mr. Coxill's furlough; and that the appointment should be in the hands of the local Committee.

365. CONFERENCES.

a. It was agreed that no General Conference should be planned for at this time, for financial and other reasons. It was generally agreed that Regional Conferences are productive of more immediate benefit, and are not so expensive of either time or money.

b. In the event of its proving possible for Mr. Coxill to arrange to visit Ruanda-Urundi, or other parts of the Congo, with a view to holding Regional Conferences if desired by the Missions in such areas visited, either during the present year or more probably as he leaves Congo for furlough early in 1937; the Council records its approval of such Regional Conferences.

366. RELATIONS WITH
GOVERNMENT.

The Secretary gave a review of the present situation between the protestant missions and the Government, particularly as revealed by correspondence with many parts of Congo. Among other things it was noted that;

a. A satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties that had arisen in Ruanda-Urundi was made by the Governor General during his visit to that Mandated Territory in 1935.

b. Very few cases of open persecution of our people by non-protestants, and seeming injustice, had been reported to the Secretary during 1935. Where cases had arisen, and enquiry had been made concerning them by the Council, satisfactory intervention had been obtained from the Government.

c. One or two non-confessional schools have been opened by the Government, such as one at Léopoldville for the training of Native Medical Assistants. It is noted with pleasure that such schools are open to protestant pupils and it is promised that the Protestant faith of such students will be respected.

d. Further recognition of the C.P.C. had been shown during the past year on many occasions.

e. Correspondence seems to indicate that there has been more discrimination on the part of the Government in regard to the treatment accorded various protestant missions. Certain missions had received concessions of land during the year.

f. In general, the main educational question remains the same; the only official and State supported schools being those of the so-called "National" or Roman Catholic missions. This discrimination is increasingly harmful to our work. The exaggerated emphasis with which, in most quarters, the Roman Catholic missions are classified and treated as "national" while the Protestant missions are treated as "foreigners" continues to aggravate our difficulties and is harmful to the splendid loyalty to Belgium of our tens of thousands of native adherents.

Even if most of the protestant missionaries are foreigners, their native converts are not, and they should not be penalized because of the faith they have accepted.

g. The Council, working in cooperation with the International Missionary Council and with Dr. Henri Anet in Bruxelles will continue to bring the facts contained in paragraph "f" above, to the attention of the authorities in Belgium and Congo, and a solution to the situation is still hoped for. In this connection letters from Dr. Oldham and Dr. Anet were read and considered, and the action to be taken by the Council was decided upon.

367. VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL.

His Excellency the Governor-General of the Colony, Monsieur Pierre RYCKMANS graciously accepted an invitation of the Council to attend and address one of its business sessions. M. Ryckmans spoke of some aspects of mission work, and of the relations between missions and the Government.

His Excellency was introduced by the Secretary, and at the close of his address, the Vice-President expressed the thanks of the Council for his visit and for the address he had given. A résumé of the address was later given by Mr. Watkins at an Open Session.

The Governor General was approached to discover whether he would permit the publication of his address in French or whether he would prefer and give permission for its circularization in the form of a résumé in English. Monsieur Ryckmans preferred and agreed to the latter; and this résumé, after having been submitted to and approved by him, is being sent separately to all Members of the Council and to each of the Protestant mission stations in Congo and Ruanda-Urundi.

STANDING COMMITTEES; REPORTS, ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATION.

368. EDUCATION.

A. A letter, in lieu of a formal report, was read from Mr. Reynolds, Secretary of Committee, who was unfortunately unable to be present. The Council agreed to the importance, expressed in this letter, of "Theological Education", it being stated that while emphasis on the training of "Moniteurs" is sound, - if we omit to train definitely, Pastors and Church workers, we as Protestant Missions will not be able to support the "Moniteurs" we are now training. "Everything in our work is Church centred, and with all our joy in and enthusiasm for "Moniteurs", we dare not let the training of Church workers drop to a poor second place."

B. Union Mission Schools. a. Mr. Crane reported that progress was being made toward the proposed Union Normal School for the Kasai.

b. Mr. Hobgood reported that the B.M.S. and the C.B.M. had intimated that they could not cooperate officially with the D.C.C.M. in the School at Bolenge by reason of distance and differences in language

c. Mr. Ohneman reported that the S.M.F. was awaiting the decision of their Home-Board with a view to cooperation with the BMS and the ABFMS at Kimpese. (We are happy to add that this permission has now been granted)

d. Mr. Thompson informed the Council that the first group of Normal Students had completed their course; all of whom had found immediate employment as "Moniteurs" in the service of the Native Church, with the exception of one, who has been retained at Kimpese as an Assistant.

C. Educational Adviser.

a. The Secretary read letters from Mr. Ross and Dr. Springer telling of the efforts that are being made in America to make possible the appointment of the Educational Adviser; (Min. 333, e, 1935).

b. The Council approved the reasons for and the suggested duties of the Educational Adviser as stated in the letter of the General Secretary to Dr. Lerrigo, dated August 26. 1935. These are as follows;

- Reasons for;
1. The 1934 Conferences at Mutoto and Léopoldville asked that an Educational Adviser be appointed, if possible.
 2. Most missions need advice from one who knows both the Government requirements and changes of policy, and the manner in which our missions can best conform to them.
 3. The Belgian Government has stated that the educational work of the Colony must remain in the hands of the missions.
 4. The Protestant Missions should not, through incompetence or lack of unity, hand over this great soul-saving opportunity to the Roman Catholic Missions.
 5. The fast-awakening peoples of Congo are worthy of the best that we can give them.
 6. The Indigenous Church needs and demands more educated leadership.
 7. An Educational Adviser for our missions could be used greatly of God in many ways toward the unification of the Church of Christ in Congo, one being, through direct contact with the missionaries and the Native leaders of the different missions.

Suggested duties.

1. Keep fully informed on all Government actions regarding Education.
2. Be prepared to represent the protestant missions on any Government educational committee, - should his attendance at such ever be invited.
3. Be prepared to visit as many of our missions and stations as possible, going as adviser and friend where invited, with no authority whatever to dictate to any.
4. Endeavour to stay long enough in each place visited to know clearly what educational work is already being done and how best improvements and changes could be made.
5. Have travel and all other expenses provided independently of the C.P.C. budget and of the missions visited. Hospitality at the stations helped might be accepted.
6. Arrange journeys well in advance, when possible, taking routes that would best economise time and travel while serving the maximum number of stations.

369. LITERATURE.

The following report of the Committee on Literature appointed by the Council, was presented by Mr. Thompson, Secretary of Standing Committee, and was adopted;

A. Literature Committees.

1. In order to deal adequately with literature problems we suggest that Local Literature Committees be set up where two or more missions are working in the same or similar languages.
2. The Secretary of the Literature Committee be asked to organize and coordinate such sub-committees.
3. That such sub-committees shall supply to the C.P.C. Secretary for Literature list of all books published, projected and required.

B. Secretaryship.

Realising how inter-related are the literature and educational problems of the missions in Congo today it is felt advisable that, for the present, the offices of C.P.C. Secretary for Education and that of Literature be combined.

C. Union Cards.

It was noted with appreciation that the form of Church Membership Card as recommended by the Council (Min. 335, b, 2.) has been widely adopted by the missions. After discussion of the various aspects of the problem the Council felt that a uniform card that would facilitate the transfer of Christians going from one district to another is also needed. The Secretary for Literature and the General Secretary are asked to prepare and circulate a specimen card of this nature.

D. Union Hymn Books.

1. KIKONGO. It was noted with satisfaction that the Union Kikongo Hymnal has been compiled and is now in the press.

2. LINGALA. a. A letter was read to the Council which had been received from the Salvation Army, now working in Léopoldville, regarding their desire to incorporate a number of existing Lingala Hymns in their projected Hymnal. It was decided that the General Secretary be asked to reply to the Salvation Army acknowledging their letter, and indicating the advantages for all which would result in the publication of one Hymnal for the use of the Missions and the Salvation Army, and to inquire if the publication of such a Hymnal, which would include a selection of Salvation Army hymns, as well as those of the Missions, would meet their views. As the existing Lingala Hymn Books are the property of the B.M.S., the Council is unable to make any other recommendation.

b. It being understood that the existing stocks of the Lingala Hymnal are low, the Council records its opinion that any new edition should be published by the Conseil Protestant du Congo, and requests the C.P.C. Lingala Committee to approach all interested missions with a view to obtaining hymns for this book. This Committee is authorised to select suitable hymns from those supplied, and from existing collections for the use of which permission has been granted. Acting in concert with the Manager of the Union Mission Bookshop, this Committee will also arrange for publication, with the aid of the C.P.C. Literature Fund.

E. Digest of Laws. With reference to Minute 335, b, 1; on this subject, a specimen of a booklet already produced at Kimpese for the use of E.P.I. graduates, pastors and "moniteurs" was shown. Mention was also made of a booklet produced at Yakusu. The Council requested Mr. Thompson, acting in conjunction with the General Secretary to review these booklets with a view to their adaptation for the use of missionaries. Authorization for publication has already been granted by the Council, (Min. 335.).

F. Literature for Muslims. A letter from Miss Padwick was read. It was decided to continue the Council's annual subscription of 10/- to the Committee of which Miss Padwick is the Secretary, thereby ensuring the receipt of the circulars and other helpful Muslim literature that is sent out by that Committee.

370. NATIVE CHURCH. The Council recorded its appreciation of the work that is being done by Mr. MacBeath on this Committee, and noted that the circulars written by him were proving very helpful and inspiring.

371. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A. Gift from the W.S.S.A.

The Secretary read letters from Dr. Robt. Hopkins, Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, which were greatly appreciated. The Council acknowledges and accepts with gratitude a gift from the W.S.S.A. of \$ 25.- for Council funds toward postal and office expenses and the promotion of Sunday School work, also a similar gift for Daily Vacation Bible School work. In accepting these gifts the Council agreed that they should be used for the purposes intended.

B. Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

It was resolved that the grant of \$ 25.- received through Dr. Hopkins for Daily Vacation Bible School work, be equally divided between those missions which have already applied for help for such work. Since the acceptance of this grant involves the obligation of providing a detailed statement and report of its expenditure these statements and reports must be sent to the C.P.C. Secretary for forwarding to Dr. Hopkins.

C. Representation at Oslo.

It was resolved that Mr. Newell Booth (CMCMEC, Kanene) be appointed Secretary of the C.P.C. Sunday School Committee, and that, if possible, he represent the C.P.C. at the World Council of the World's Sunday School Association which will hold its first session in Oslo on July 6th 1936; also, that Mr. Morrish (BMS, Kimpese) and a member of the S.M.F. to be chosen by that Mission, be invited to attend that Council; it being understood that no financial obligation will be incurred thereby by the C.P.C.

D. Sunday School Lessons.

The Secretary informed the Council of the efforts being made in cooperation with Miss Wrong, Dr. Hopkins and Mr. Morrish for the preparation, in French, of Sunday School Lesson helps, and for their distribution in connection with L'EVANGILE EN AFRIQUE without increasing the cost of that journal. The Secretary was asked to convey to these friends the sincere thanks of the Council; to Miss Wrong for her assistance in the matter of all publications, and particularly with these lesson helps and the enlarged "L'Evangile en Afrique"; and to Mr. Morrish also, for his valuable help in these matters. The Council asks them kindly to continue their efforts, and to prepare, if possible a course of lessons covering at least a three year period. It was agreed that the Lessons should be distributed to subscribers to "L'Evangile en Afrique", as a leaflet or insert, and that extra copies shall be available for the use of others, not subscribers to "L'E. en A." who may apply for them.

372. WOMEN'S WORK.

A report of the Women's Work was presented by Mrs Coxill. The Council noted with real regret that Miss Schaffer, Secretary, had been, through illness, compelled to leave the field, making the appointment of another secretary necessary.

373. COUNCIL OFFICERS.

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Chair presented its report, which was adopted, and the following Council Officers were elected by the Council;

President, 1936 to 1938,
Vice-President,
General Secretary,

Rev. P. A. MacDiarmid,
Dr. Motte Martin,
Rev. H. Wakelin Coxill.

Committee Secretaries.

Education and Literature,
Language, Kikongo,
Lingala,
Medical,
Native Church,
Sunday School,
Women's Work;

Rev. W. D. Reynolds,
Rev. E. F. Guyton,
Rev. C. H. Chilvers,
Dr. E. R. Kellersberger.
Rev. A. W. MacBeath.
Rev. Newell S. Booth.
Mrs H. W. Coxill.

374. UNION BOOKSHOP.

Mr. H. J. Watkins reported on the first few months working of La Librairie des Missions Evangéliques du Congo, and this report was considered very satisfactory.

A Committee appointed to study the question of the Bookshop agreements submitted its report, which was adopted, and the Council agreed to the draft of fresh agreements between the C.P.C. and the B.& F.B.S. on the one hand and the C.P.C. and the A.B.F.M.S. on the other hand, which were presented by the Committee.

375. CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

(Minute 350.) The Council took note of the work which would be entailed in operating a circulating library and realised that it was impracticable to ask the Bookshop Manager to add the task of conducting such a library to his many other duties at this time. After some discussion it was decided to write to the British Consul General, informing him that we gratefully accept his offer, but in doing so, we must point out to him that for the present, owing to lack of sufficient staff and adequate accomodation we could not organize a proper circulating library, but any books he could kindly obtain for us would be cared for in the residence of the C.P.C. Secretary, it being understood that such books would be available and could be borrowed by any making application for them and who accept the responsibility of their safe return and the payment of any expenses connected with packing and postage.

376. FINANCE.

A. The Secretary presented a financial statement for the year ending December 31st 1935, a copy of which is hereto joined, and this statement was approved.

B. A Finance Committee, (Messrs Watkins, Guyton, Sodergren and Crane) was appointed and later presented its report. This report, which was as follows, and which included the budget for the years 1936 and 1937 appended to these Minutes, was adopted.

C. The Budget proposed is based on that previously drawn up for 1935-6-7, and after comparison with the actual expenditures under the various headings during 1935. The form of the budget has been slightly modified to correspond with the actual headings employed in the accounts. The following increases were, however, considered to be requisite.

1. Subscriptions. These to be increased from Frs 750.- to 2,000.-; It was pointed out that the subscriptions to the Bulletins Official et Administrative, to "L'Avenir Colonial" and "Le Courrier d'Afrique", to the "International Review of Missions" and to "Affica" alone absorb more than the former allocation; leaving no funds for subscriptions to other important papers; the use of which is demanded by the needs of the "Congo Mission News" and "L'Evangile en Afrique" and as a source of general information.

2. Furlough Sinking Fund; from Frs 18,500.- to Frs 28,115.10. The Sinking Fund had been calculated to provide for the salary of the General Secretary and the costs of his travel while on furlough; and this, prior to the devaluation of the franc (Belgian); it is now also deemed advisable that provision should be made for re-imbursing a proportion of the ocean and other travel costs incurred on behalf of the Acting Secretary.

3. Secretary's Salary. The change in the exchange value of the franc has rendered the proposed increase necessary. The figure now given is based on the salaries at present provided by three missionary societies working in the same locality, converted into francs at the present rate of the exchange. In the event of any serious change in the exchange value of the franc, this estimate will require further adjustment. It is recommended that this present adjustment shall apply to the current year, viz 1936.

4. While endeavouring to make an equitable approach to the member-missions in order to meet its Budget, the Council requests the continued generous support of those missions who have carried the larger burden; the request being that these missions continue on the basis of their 1935 giving, so as not to jeopardize the C.P.C.

377. INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

The Council studied various communications received from the I.M.C. and took the following action on matters submitted for their consideration.

A. Constitutional Amendments. The Council approved the amendment of the Constitution proposed by the Committee of the I.M.C. at its meeting at Northfield in 1935, and as contained in Minute 32, (page 19) of that Committee.

B. Grant. The Council agreed to make the contribution of \$ 15.- requested by the I.M.C. In this connection it was noted that the Budget of the I.M.C. is allocated proportionately among its members.

C. Dr. Springer. The Council records its sincere thanks to Dr. John M. Springer for his attendance at the I.M.C. Meeting at Northfield; for his Report on that Meeting, and also and especially for his devoted services to the Council during the two years of his Presidency of the C.P.C.

D. General Council Meeting, 1938.

The Minutes of the Northfield Committee relating to the General Council Meeting of the I.M.C. to be held at Kowloon in October, 1938, were given special consideration and the following decisions were reached; it being noted that the C.P.C. is entitled to appoint one national and one missionary, or a total of two delegates, to attend this meeting.

1. Delegates. a. National. It was felt that at present no delegate could be appointed from the Indigenous Congo Church; not only by reason of the expense involved but also owing to the difficulty of selecting one who would truly represent the Congo Church and who would be able to comprehend the transactions of the Meeting.

b. Missionary. The Council will endeavour to find a missionary who, while being a member of a participating body, will be able and willing to attend as the recognized delegate of the C.P.C., but without any expense to the Council.

2. The Agenda. Having learnt with deep satisfaction of the prominence to be given to "Evangelism" on the agenda of the 1938 Meeting, it was agreed that this agenda be brought to the notice of the missions, through the CONGO MISSION NEWS, and articles based thereon be invited.

378. WITH BELGIAN PROTESTANTS.

(Min. 346) The Secretary reported on what had been done during the past year, and the Council learnt with satisfaction of the interest which had been aroused by the letters and literature sent to the Belgian Protestant Pastors and others. The Secretary pointed out that the entire cost of what had been so far sent, - including that of some 200 copies of the "C.M.N." and "L'E.en A." had been met by private gifts from missionaries, donated for this purpose. The Council agreed that these contacts with the Belgian Protestant community were most valuable, and asked the Secretary to continue them.

379. BANTU EDUCATIONAL KINEMA.

A letter from Mr. J. E. Brastrap was read to the Council, relative to the possibility of joining in a scheme for purchasing or renting educational films, made in Africa for Africans and released by the "Bantu Educational Kinema Experiment". The Secretary was asked to circulate copies of the letter to those likely to be interested, and invite replies.

380. Dr. HELSER'S VISIT.

The Council was pleased to record the success attending Dr. Helser's visit to Congo in 1935 and to learn of the brochure he has prepared, on behalf of the Mission to Lepers, following that visit. This brochure, it understands, is for private circulation in English and French among the Government and Mission doctors of the Colony; it being first submitted to the Medecin en Chef before publication.

381. VISIT OF DR. REISNER.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. John H. Reisner, of the Agricultural Missions Foundation, regarding his proposed visit to Congo, and mentioned that requests had been received from Kikongo and Lotumbe that he should visit these stations. The Council feels it is very desirable that Dr. Reisner should, before coming to the Congo, if possible, acquire full knowledge of the Belgian Colonial Agricultural policy and plans for the development of agriculture in the Congo.

382. LETTERS.

News arrived during the meeting of the Council of the serious illness of Dr. Henri Anet. The Secretary was asked to write to Dr. and Madame Anet assuring them of the deep sympathy and affection of all Congo missionaries and telling Dr. Anet of our earnest prayers for his quick and complete recovery.

The Secretary was also asked to send letters of greeting and of appreciation of services rendered the Council to the following; some of whom are referred to elsewhere in these Minutes; Dr. J.M. Springer, Retiring President; Dr. J. H. Oldham, I.M.C.; Mr and Mrs Emory Ross, A.C.W.C.; Dr. J. P. Lerrigo, A.B.F.M.S.; Miss Margaret Wrong, I.C.C.L.A.; Dr. Helser, A.M.L.; Harold Swan, Esq. O.B.E.; M. Helling, (For help in Flemish translations); and M. Christol, (For help with French translation in London).

383. NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Council at Léopoldville at the call of the Secretary, as early in January 1937 as possible.

384. ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned after prayer by the President.

P. A. MacDiarmid.
President.

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CONSEIL PROTESTANT DU CONGO

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 1935.

			Liabilities	Assets
19.	Sundry creditors			
20.	U.M.H.			
21.	C.M.N.	Frs.	57.520.64	
22.	Evangile en Afrique		1.821.57	
23.	World Dominion Survey		556.01	
			10.279.80	
24.	Sundry Debtors			
25.	Bruxelles Agency			5.428.38
26.	1935 Income to collect in 1936			957.26
				2.412.00
27.	Sinking Fund.			
28.	Balance from 1934	3.689.68		
29.	Provision 1935	36.594.22	40.283.90	
30.	Literature Fund	20.952.84		
31.	Expenditures	3.614.75	17.338.09	
32.	Local Travel a/c		811.65	
33.	Cash on hand and in Banks			
34.	Cash	476.01		
35.	U.B. of S. £ 289-3-6	40.841.03		
36.	U.C.M.S. \$ 646.53	18.452.34		
37.	C.C.P.	2.961.37		
38.	B.C.B.	28.972.67		
39.	B.B.A.	7.169.15		98.872.57
40.	Building Fund	21.930.31		
41.	Less designated gifts	3.694.00		18.236.31
42.	Deficit Brought Forward	8.561.70		
43.	Less surplus of income over expenditure 1935	5.856.56		2.705.14
		Frs.	<u>128.611.66</u>	<u>128.611.66</u>

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GRANTS AND GIFTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 19351. FROM SOCIETIES.

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	Frs.	23.439.00
Assemblies of God Mission		2.538.15
Africa Inland Mission		1.500.00
American Presbyterian Congo Mission		26.337.43
Baptist Missionary Society		10.000.00
British and Foreign Bible Society		1.450.00
Congo Evangelistic Mission		3.700.50
Congo Inland Mission		7.346.00
Christian and Missionary Alliance		2.812.00
Congo Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church		11.616.00
Church Missionary Society		1.450.00
Disciples of Christ Congo Mission		5.000.00
Mission Baptiste Denaïse		870.00
Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission		5.035.68
Svenska Baptist Missionen		300.00
Svenska Missions-Forbundet		8.550.00
Unevangelized Tribes Mission		2.898.20
United Society for Christian Literature		1.450.00
Mission Evangélique de l'Ubangi		450.00
World's Sunday School Association		519.75
		<u>117.262.71</u>

2. PERSONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

9.852.60

TOTAL Frs. 127.115.31

SPECIAL GIFTS.

3. For C.P.C. Building Deficit Bt. Fd. (Frs 21.930.31)		
Special gifts.		3.694.00
4. Secretary's Travel Fund (in Congo)		
Personal gifts	897.25	
C. & M.A.	<u>882.68</u>	1.779.93
5. Roi Albert Memorial, Gifts Received		4.400.00
6. Earl Haig's Fund (British)		810.00
7. World Dominion Survey (Earmarked)		10.409.80

Additional Grants.

The following additional grants were received for 1935 after the 1935 accounts had been closed; -
M.E.C.M. Frs 1.730.00 ; A.I.M. Frs 1.025.00.

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BUDGET FOR 1936 AND PROJECTED FOR 1937 & 1938.Estimated Expenditures.

	Expenditure.	Income
1. Property Repairs, -Materials, etc.,	Ers. 1.500.00	
2. Taxes, Water, Share of Light, Wood, etc.,	4.000.00	
3. Maintenance, -Wages(Share); Medical, Sundries,	8.000.00	
4. Postages,	5.000.00	
5. Telegrams and Telephone,	2.000.00	
6. Office Supplies,	5.000.00	
7. Office, - Clerk's wages, etc.,	3.600.00	
8. Subscriptions, Magazines, etc.,	2.000.00	
9. Auto; Local travel, Car Taxes, Insurance	10.000.00	
10. Secretary's Salary,	47.500.00	
11. Children's Allowance (3)	15,000.00	
12. Hospitality and Representation,	5.250.00	
13. Furlough Sinking Fund, (1936 Provision)	28.115.10	

Estimated Income.

14. Grants and Gifts from Societies,	Ers 111.500.00	
15. Personal Membership and Individual Gifts,	10.000.00	
16. U.M.H. Allowance for Secretary's Services,	15.000.00	
17. Sundry Interests,	465.10	
	<u>Ers. 136.965.10</u>	<u>136.965.10</u>

Approved for 1936 when the exchange rates were; £ - 146.75 & \$ - 29.35.
 N.B. Any serious alteration in the exchange would necessarily demand a somewhat similar percentage adjustment in many of the figures here quoted.